

REMARKS

The present Supplemental Amendment has been made to revise independent Claim 1 to more clearly define the nature of the device covered by the claim.

As discussed in the Amendment dated June 24, 2004, the tube-formed rock bolt disclosed and claimed in the present application is used in conjunction with rock drilling operations. The rock bolt is inserted into and anchored in a bore hole, after the hole has been drilled, to stabilize the surrounding rock (See, for example, page 1, first paragraph, and page 2, second paragraph of Applicant's Specification and the original Abstract of the Disclosure). Independent Claim 1 has now been amended to more clearly recite the specific nature and function of the tube-formed rock bolt as disclosed in Applicant's Specification.

The arguments presented in the Amendment dated June 24, 2004 are incorporated by reference herein. However, the references to "drilling rock" or "rock drilling device" at page 6, first paragraph, and page 7, first and second paragraphs of the "Remarks" of the Amendment dated June 24, 2004, should actually refer to the claimed "tube-formed rock bolt for stabilizing bore holes drilled in the earth in conjunction with rock drilling operations", or to a "rock drilling stabilization device" to

conform to the revisions made to independent Claim 1 in the present Supplemental Amendment. Although the tube-formed rock bolt is used in conjunction with rock drilling operations to stabilize drilled bore holes, the tube-formed rock bolt is not itself a drill, and the "Remarks" of the prior Amendment should not be construed as referring to the rock bolt as a rock drill.

Respectfully submitted,

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